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[REDACTED] I told him this was your call. Casey is urging a stop on Weds. Casey
you, Casey, Caro and me to discuss situation prior to discussion w/ Schultz.
Can we schedule same?

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RSH PRGM: BSOLN --CPBA TO: USJRP --CPBA
TO: USJRP --CPBA

09/22/86 09:22:57

see reply to memo of 09/10/86 13:15
BOTH PHON: 061724 BORTH

Subject: IRAN
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Sunday at 1100 when he departed for [REDACTED] aboard charter. George and Dick
agree that things went extremely well. He is assured that the UOI is dealing
directly with the USG and that the mutual interests of both parties transcend
the "obstacle" of the hostages - but that this problem must be solved first.
Much credit in this goes to Dick, who established the initial contact in
[REDACTED] wants to set up a "joint committee" in [REDACTED] for
resolving the issues which separate us - an idea which would then lead to
putting a discrete communications team in Tehran. At one point he asked if
Secord could return with him to advise on how to set this up. We asked
specifically for a sign from the USG that we are indeed moving in the right
direction and we agreed to a carefully constructed phrase in a VOA broadcast
which would mention the nations which denied access to the hijacked PA 71 a/c
and include Iran in the list. We will be back in 48 hours in the next 48
be back out with the leadership in Tehran. In discussing what we could do but
then he raised the issues of 2A prisoners in Iran, the collapse of the economy
and the destruction of their oil industry.

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[REDACTED] was noted that he could not be collected, that his motivation was to bring about an honorable end to the killing in the Iran/Iraq war, and to re-establish a positive relationship with the Iranian government that would lead to Christians, Jews and Muslims living in peace with one another. On a number of occasions he was told that he believed deeply in the teachings of our Holy Book, a copy of which was on the table, and reference was made to a number of pertinent passages (e.g. Gen. 15:1-21; Gal. 3:7; etc.). At one point he noted to George that he being a son of God had received the only argument they had - that Allah was supposed to be on their side. He has promised prompt action on the hostages, is looking for assurances that we will not walk away once they are their influence to get them free and noted that the USA should stop other attempts to recontact w/ the [REDACTED] to prevent confusion within the factions at home. He expressed several concerns about the [REDACTED] channel and admitted that they believed success close to [REDACTED] was waiting for the [REDACTED]. He expressed great concern that the Soviets could exploit confirmation of the contact by asking the contact public and doing great mischief in Iran and the U.S. and by rapidly escalating their assistance to Iraq or even intervening in Iran. He did all we could to fund this anxiety. Sir has been calling regularly to exert us to save on the next shipment. Because [REDACTED] has asked us to wait to see what the result of his discussion in Tehran is, we have decided to stall by telling Sir and George that we must have a meeting w/ [REDACTED] before we can proceed. We have told Sir that you and I are very concerned about the two new hostages and that we cannot proceed w/ further delivery until such a meeting takes place. [REDACTED] has asked that for the time being we leave the Israelis out of this because of the problems at home. Contrary to what Sir said here, [REDACTED] did come that Sir was on Israeli, we will put together a summary of the talks by 97 return tomorrow. You can brief us that we need to be headed in a very positive direction on this matter and have hopes that the hostage resolution will lead to a significant role in ending the Iran/Iraq war. U/K [REDACTED]

Iran

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MSG FROM: NSOLN
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*** Reply to note of 09/10/84 13:15

NOTE FROM: OLIVER NORTH

Subject: Iran

Talks with [the Relative] commenced on Friday night and proceeded almost non-stop until Sunday at 1100 when he departed [for Istanbul] aboard charter. George and Dick agree that things went extremely well. He is assured that the GOI is dealing directly with the USG and that the mutual interests of both parties transcend the "obstacle" of the hostages - but that this problem must be solved first. Much credit in this goes to Dick, who established the initial contact in Brussels. [The Relative] wants to set up a "joint committee" in Turkey or Portugal for resolving the issues which separate us - an idea which would then lead to putting a discrete communications team in Tehran. At one point he asked if Secord could return with him to advise us how to set this up. He asked specifically for a sign from the USG that we are indeed moving in the right direction and we agreed in a carefully constructed phrase in a VOA broadcast which would mention the nations which denied access to the hijacked PA 73 a/c and include Iran in the list. He will be back to us later in the week after he has met with the leadership in Tehran. In discussing what we could do for them he raised the issues of 2M homeless in Iran, the collapse of the economy and the destruction of the their oil industry.

[Excised]

[He complained bitterly about the French effort this spring which he said was designed only to get their hostages out and help Chirac get elected.] We noted that RR could not be reelected, that his motivation was to bring about an honorable end to the killing in the Iran/Iraq war, and to reestablish a positive relationship with the Iranian government that would lead to Christians, Jews and Moslems living in peace with one another. On a number of occasions he was told RR believed deeply in the teachings of our Holy Book, a copy of which was on the table, and reference was made to a number of pertinent passages (e.g. Gen. 15:7-21; Gal. 3:7; etc.). At one point he noted to George that RR being a man of God had removed the only argument they had - that Allah was supposed to be on their side. He has promised prompt action on the hostages, is looking for assurances that we will not walk away once they use their influence to get them free and noted that the USG should stop other attempts to make contact w/ the GOI to prevent confusion within the factions at home. He expressed several concerns about the [Ghorbanifar] channel and admitted that they believed someone close to [Ghorbanifar's Tehran contact] was working for the KGB. He expressed great concern that the Soviets could exploit confirmation of the contact by making the contact public and doing great mischief in Iran and the U.S. and by rapidly escalating their assistance to Iraq or even intervening in Iran. We did all we could to feed this anxiety. Nir has been calling regularly to exhort us to move on the next shipment. Because [the Relative] has asked us to wait to see what the result of his discussion in Tehran is, we have decided to stall by telling Nir and Gorba that we must have a meeting w/ [the official in the Prime Minister's office] before we can proceed. We have told Nir that you and RR are very concerned about the two new hostages and that we cannot proceed w/ further deliveries until such a meeting takes place. [The Relative] has asked that for the time being we leave the Israelis out of this because of the problems at home. Contrary to what Nir said here, [the Relative] did know that Nir was an Israeli. We will put together a summary of the talks by my return Wednesday. You can brief RR that we seem to be headed in a very positive direction on this matter and have hopes that the hostage resolution will lead to a significant role in ending the Iran/Iraq war.